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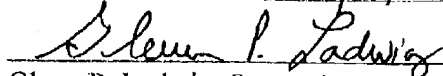
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.133

The applicants wish to thank Examiner McCormick-Ewoldt and Supervisory Examiner Campell for the courtesy of the telephonic examiner interview conducted on May 19, 2004 with the undersigned and Dr. Daniel Cantliffe. The remarks set forth in the Interview Summary Form that accompanied the Notice of Allowability dated June 28, 2004 are consistent with the substance of that interview and are believed to address the outstanding issues as discussed during the interview.

Claims 18-25 were discussed in relation to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §103(a), based on the Heide and Darrow publications, as set forth in the Office Action dated December 3, 2003. In view of the Notice of Allowability that followed the applicants' submission of a Request for Continued Examination, arguments, and amended claims, it is apparent that the submission of a Declaration by Dr. Cantliffe would now be superfluous.

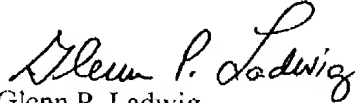
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The applicants also note Dr. Bin Yan, Assistant Director of Life Sciences at the University of Florida's Office of Technology, was also introduced and present during the telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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